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### **How to pay a voluntary departure bond**

When an immigration judge grants you voluntary departure, you must pay a bond to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) as a deposit to ensure that you will depart the country on time. The following steps and tips are suggested for those that need to pay the bond.

1. You must wait 24 hours from the date that judge grants voluntary departure in order to pay the bond. If you try to go immediately after court, the officer may not accept it because they don't have your file yet from the court house.
  - a. If your hearing is on a Friday, you will have to wait until Monday to pay your voluntary departure bond.
2. The immigration judge will only provide a few days (5-7 days) to make the payment on the voluntary bond. The amount can be as little as \$500 or more, depending on the order of the judge.
3. In order to pay the bond, you must appear at ICE's office at 985 Michigan Avenue, Detroit MI 48226.
4. Bring your government-issued photo ID (passport, license, matricula/dui/cedula) (preferably more than one).
5. Bring a money order or cashier's check with the bond amount made payable to Immigration and Customs Enforcement.
6. Bring your immigration paperwork, order from the judge and your immigration number (A NUMBER)- a nine-digit starting with the letter A.
7. You can pay a voluntary departure bond for yourself; you don't need to be a United States Citizen or Permanent Resident.
8. The voluntary departure bond will be returned to you after you comply and depart the United States on time.
9. Keep the original paperwork for the bond as you will be needing it to get the bond money back and may be needing it for your immigration case.